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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2008, for which a response is due on January 6, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.